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VE3OTV is Back on the Air

For many years, the call sign VE3OTV and its operator, Ine, were known all over the world and put Thunder Bay on the map. The qsl cards prove it. After changing her call sign to VE3RH, Ine's former call sign, VE3OTV, went silent for almost two decades.

As of April 24th, 2015 it's back on the air with Ine's grandson, Brandon, a 13-year old, grade 7 Crestview School student of Murillo.

Brandon is continuing the ham radio tradition in this family which started with his grandfather, VA3ER. By passing the Basic test, Brandon is currently the youngest ham in this area with his 13 years. He created also a three-generation ham radio family which is very rare.

Both grandparents, both parents and Brandon are licensed hams, i.e. Ed - VA3ER, Ine - VE3RH, Axel - VE3OPF, Gwen - VE3TRE, and Brandon - VE3OTV. Brandon's own station is equipped with a 2m/70cm handheld and a 2m FM/SSB Kenwood TS700A transceiver, a HyGain Ringo Ranger vertical and a 14 el. HyGain beam for SSB.

Brandon thanks his tutors Karl - VE3RRP, Randy - VA3OJ, Bill - VE3XT and Tom - VE3CX who helped him at VE3SAO and Axel - VE3OPF at home to reach this intermittent goal. He intends to continue his ham radio studies to be able to meet his parents and grandparents on shortwave.

A Heathkit HW-12, an Atlas 210, a Yaesu 901DM, or the Kenwood twins, R599/T599, are already waiting to produce HF thanks to a donation by VE3OPF. (How many of you know what rigs we are talking about? If you know all of them, you qualify for the OT Award.) Axel, VE3OPF, will only part his Heathkit DX-100 or Johnson Viking TX with the RX Hammarland * HQ-129 X if Brandon - VE3OTV passes the cw endorsement. (All rigs are still in working order. The last two are probably older than 50 percent of the LARC membership.) *F.Y.I.: made in 1945

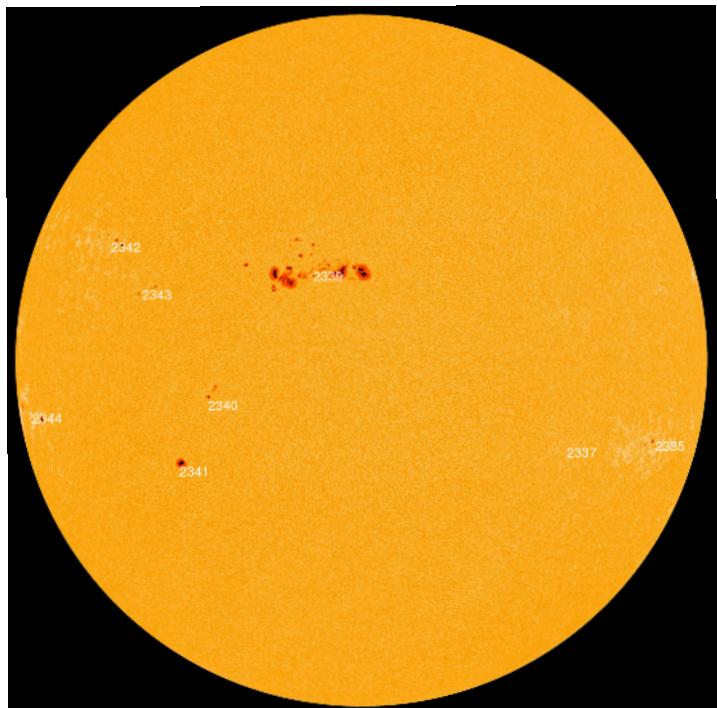
UPDATE: As of May 3rd, 2015 Brandon - VE3OTV has upgraded his license to Basic with Honours. He is now permitted to roam the shortwave bands as the former licensee of VE3OTV did.

Next LARC Meeting: Thurs. May 14, 2015, 7:30 PM

At the 55+ Centre on River St.

The Sun Today

Information from www.spaceweather.com



QUIET WITH A CHANCE OF FLARES: For the past 48 hours, solar activity has been very low. Sunspot AR2339 is poised to break the quiet. The behemoth sunspot is directly facing Earth, and it has an unstable 'beta-gamma' magnetic field that harbors energy for strong eruptions. NOAA forecasters estimate a 30% chance of M-class solar flares and a 5% chance of X-flares on May 11th.

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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to hiqnewsletter@gmail.com

Nets in the Thunder Bay Area

Sunday AMETHYST ARES VHF NET, on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9031 @ 0045Z (7:45 pm), also Cook County ARES Response Team (CARRT) net at 0100Z (8 pm) on the BWARC repeater, Grand Portage repeater - 146.655 with CTCSS 151.4

Monday SATERN NET on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9032

SATERN DIGITAL NETS on **Monday & Wednesday** nights

8 pm- 14.065

9 pm- 7.065

10 pm- 3.5835

Mode :Olivia 8/500 1000Hz waterfall centre

Every Day The NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO ARES NET , every evening at 8:15PM (local) on 80m 3.750Mhz (note the time does not change with daylight savings time.)

Any questions on these or other nets please feel free to contact me at my e-mail: ve3mxj@rac.ca

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100

144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

Month

HI-Q Journal of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

2014

Minutes for the

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Date: April 9, 2015

President, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ Presiding.

Guest Speaker:

Red Cross Representative Laurie Beehler spoke on 72 hour preparedness.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Unger VE3XT

Bill Unger VE3XT was away and there was no report.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moves to accept the previous meeting's minutes as printed in Hi-Q. Seconded by Brad Harris VE3MXJ. Passed.

Old Business:

Public Service (John Sacek VA3JMS public events coordinator)

Past Events:

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Upcoming Events:

Monday May 18th – 10 Mile Road Race – Norm Bell VE3XRC

Saturday Aug 15th - Conquer the Dog

Saturday Aug 29th – Xterra Sleeping Giant Run

Sunday Sep 13th - Caribou Charity ride

Oct CIBC Run for the Cure

Nov Santa Claus Parade

2 Day Weekend License Course: Karl Hamilton VE3RRP

Two students actively studying

ARES: Brad Harris VE3MXJ Thunder Bay EC

Sunday night NW ON Amethyst VHF net on VE3TBR, IRLP Reflector 9031, 7:45 ET
Daily NW ON HF 3750 Khz, 8:15 ET if an operator is available

Efforts are being made to re-establish liaison with new staff at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Services.

The Hilcrest repeater has been closed down and removed as the building is being repurposed.

New Business

Field Day

Field day will be at Randy Gottfred's VA3OJ this year.

LARC May Meeting at the 55+ Centre on River St.

50/50 Draw:

Brad Harris VE3MXJ

Adjournment moved by: John Sacek VA3JMS

Next Executive Meeting: Thurs. May 7, 2015, 7:30 PM

**Next LARC Meeting:
Thurs. May 14, 2015, 7:30 PM**

At the 55+ Centre on River St.

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

March, April 2015 Treasurers Report

Balance March 1 2015	<u>\$1,368.29</u>
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Income

March 17 Family Dues	\$25.00
March 17 February March 50/50	\$8.00
Total Income	<u>\$33.00</u>

Expenses

March 17 Confederation College Room Rental	\$113.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$113.00</u>

Balance April 30, 2015	<u>\$1,288.29</u>
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Trailer Account

	Previous Balance	
Income		\$773.80
March 31 Interest		\$0.07
April 30 Interest		\$0.06
Total		\$773.93
Expenses		
Total Expenses:		\$0.00
		\$773.93
Balance in Trailer Account		

Term Account

March 01 2015 Balance	\$2,041.84
March 30, 2015 Interest	\$0.67
April 28, 2015 Interest	\$0.67
April 30, 2015 Balance	\$2,043.18

Bill Unger VE3XT
Treasurer

W6RO - Club Station of the Long Beach Amateur Radio Club



Norm VE3XRC and Linda VE3XLB are travelling again...this time visiting the club station of the Long Beach Amateur Radio Club. The station is located in the original wireless room of the Queen Mary cruise ship.



Amateur Radio Continues to Provide Reliable Post-Quake Communication in Nepal

05/05/2015

Amateur Radio has continued to provide reliable communication in the aftermath of the devastating April 25 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck an area in and around the capital of Kathmandu. The disaster has so far claimed more than 7300 lives.

Amateur Radio's role has been to provide communication for responders working in more remote regions as well as to help in locating missing people. It also has served to convey information about casualties. Jayu Bhide, VU2JAU, the Amateur Radio Society of India (ARSI) National Coordinator for Disaster Communication, said this week that rescue teams moved into highly devastated areas such as Pokhara and Sindupalchowk, where their work was hampered by rain and blocked roads. "Teams are unable to reach the remotest villages," he said. "The roads are cut off, and no communication is possible."

While Nepal's cell telephone infrastructure has been functional, the batteries in most mobile telephones have discharged. On his own initiative, Bhide was able to secure funds from the Lions Club in Gwalior, where he lives, to buy 500 mobile chargers. "These will be shipped to Nepal soon," he said.

No Nepali stations were on the air for all of May 4, Bhide reported. "Everyone was waiting to get some updates, but no one was there," he said. Satish Kharel, 9N1AA, who has been prominent among the hams in Nepal involved with the earthquake response, and Bhide now are maintaining contact every 2 hours.

Nepal has only about 2 dozen Amateur Radio licensees, according to Suresh Ojha, W6KTM, chairman of the CAN-USA Disaster Preparedness Committee. He said the Nepal government's lack of experience in regulating ham radio has hampered response efforts. Nepali authorities last week arranged for hams from other countries to obtain 9N3-prefix call signs to assist in the earthquake relief effort, and several hams from India are in Nepal.

From ARRL

Nepal Earthquake - Report from Region 3

The following information has been received from Region 3 this morning. Note that the Nepalese amateurs are working on VHF locally and at the time of the report the external net on HF was on 14.210 MHz. 3 hours ago a Twitter report stated that the net had moved to 14.215MHz.

73,

Greg, G0DUB

IARU Region 1 Emergency Communications Co-ordinator



Wanted

Seeking a 2m all mode transceiver similar to the Kenwood TS-211A - or let me know what you have.

Please contact Axel VE3OPF at 623-4488

Thanks & 73's , Axel



May 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 LARC Meeting at 55+ Centre	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31